

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I want to ask whether the Hon'ble Member can speak nonsense when Hon'ble Members ask questions.

President.—Order, order.

Canal Jetties.

78. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

- (a) the number of Canal jetties in Ernakulam, where the Canal Officers hold office to check;
- (b) the number of jetties from which line boats start;
- (c) whether all boats are allowed to start from both the jetties;
- (d) why not?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) One.

(b) The Canal jetty is the main landing place for the motor line boats in Ernakulam. The Jail jetty is being used by a few boats for the convenience of passengers coming by trains.

(c) and (d) For purposes of control it is necessary to have all the boats starting and landing at one jetty. But due to insufficiency of jetty accommodation and for reasons mentioned in answer to sub-division (b), a few boats are allowed to use the Jail jetty.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Are the motor boats of Messrs. Navigation, Syndicate, the Public Relief Company allowed to take train passengers from that jetty?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes, I think so.

Electric light—Ernakulam Canal jetty.

79. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

- (a) how long it is since an electric light was installed in the Ernakulam Canal jetty;
- (b) how long did it work and how long did it not;
- (c) and what they intend to do in the matter?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The electric light was installed in Medam 1106.

(b) The wires leading to the lights were broken due to storm by the middle of Chingam.

(c) Action is being taken for its repairs.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know Sir, what action has been taken against those responsible for the slackening of action in this respect?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It was not brought to my notice that there was any slackening of action. For the repairs they had to get wires elsewhere and that

necessitated some delay. If there is any further delay I will call for a report.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—If there is slackening of action will you take action in the matter?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I shall inquire.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Thank you, Sir.

Extensions to Mr. T. V. Ramalinga Ayyar.

80. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the reasons why extensions are given to Mr. T. V. Ramalinga Ayyar;

(b) whether there was a proposal by the Diwan to appoint Mr. K. Narayana Pisharodi, the Sarvadhikariakar, to Mr. T. V. Ramalinga Ayyar's place; if so, how many times did he send in proposals and what were the replies?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—His successor has not been selected.

(b) The appointment of a successor to Mr. T. V. Ramalinga Ayyar is still under consideration and no statement can be made at present.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—His successor has not been selected. What I want to know is the new Diwan was very careful to see that officers were not allowed to remain in service even for a day more; then why so many extensions were given to this gentleman; is it because there was no proper person to take his place?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—The appointment of a successor is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Who is to be appointed?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—That has not yet been decided. Not selected yet.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is then the Government considering?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—As to who should be appointed.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the delay due to.

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—The delay is due to considering the question of selection.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Whether there was a proposal is my question.

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—The answer is given in the second sentence there.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—To know even if there was a proposal?